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DATE: 3/19/2021

DOCKET #: 2021-208

Ashley Wimberley, Director  
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## FILER INFORMATION

Name: Johnell Dwayne Celestine  
Address: 129 Veterans Dr., Opelousas, LA 70570-1104  
Alt. Address: 182 Summer Ridge Loop, Sunset, LA 70584  
Office/Position: St. Landry Parish School Board / District 3 / District 3 / St. Landry  
Dates of Service: 2017  
Number of Disclosures and/or Amendments Filed with Agency: 2

## REPORT INFORMATION

Name of Report: Tier 2 Candidate Personal Financial Disclosure covering calendar year 2017 - Amendment  
November 6, 2018 election  
Report ID: PFD18011097  
Original Due Date: 7/25/2018  
Initial PFD Filed on: 7/27/2018  
NOD-amend Received: 8/13/2018 - Signed by: John Celestine  
Amendment/Answer Due Date based on NOD: 8/22/2018  
Amendment/Answer Filed: 1/29/2021

## LATE FEE INFORMATION

Amount of Late Fee: \$2500  
Days late from receipt of NOD: 891  
Total days late from initial due date: 919  
Late Fee Order Received: 1/11/2021  
Payment/Waiver Request Due Date: 2/1/2021  
Waiver Request Received: 1/29/2021

## COMMENTS:

Johnell D. Celestine is requesting a waiver for the late filing of his 2017 Candidate Amendment. Mr. Celestine stated this was his first time running for political office; And his amendment was untimely and not properly completed because he did not have a campaign manager to keep him on track. He stated he was trying to do all the tasks needed as a candidate. Unfortunately, some extremely important tasks were left unmanaged. He respectfully asks the Ethics Board to waive his late fee, as he would like to run for another political office in the near future. Mr. Celestine stated that even if he does not hire a campaign manager, he now knows the filing requirement of a public servant and candidate.

The 2017 Candidate PFD was amended 1/29/2021. This is Mr. Celestine's first late filing and first late fee

## OTHER LATE FEE INFORMATION

### Disclosure Statements:

- Other Outstanding Statements: No
- Other Outstanding Late Fees: No
- Prior Late Fees: No
- Reassessed Late Fees: No

### Campaign Finance:

- Outstanding Late Fees: No
- Prior Late Fees: No

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Report: PFD18011097

To Whom It May Concern:

This letter is to express my reasons in a formal appeal to the Board's decision of having me to pay \$2,500. Based on your letter, I am charged these fines because I did not accurately file the correct forms and give the proper documentation. The reason why these documents and proper procedures were not taken care of was due to me not having a campaign manager to keep me on track, as this was my first time running for political office. Trying to do all the tasks that are needed to be done as a candidate, there was something that was left behind, and the thing that was left behind was extremely important, which has me in the predicament of why I am sending this letter.

In light of this, I respectfully ask to waive this fee, due to wanting to run for another political office in the near future. Even if I do not have hire a campaign manager again, I know the duties required of the being a public servant. I now know that before taking on big tasks, I have to make sure to "get an understanding" of the situation and know how to maneuver and work through all parts to achieve the desired goal.

Thank you for taking the time to consider my case. You can contact me for any further questions and verifications at [jcelestine28@gmail.com](mailto:jcelestine28@gmail.com) and/or (337)351-9198.

Regards,

Johnell Dwayne Celestine

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